THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhabh$_a$ Atomic Research Centre, Bombay is producing indigenously radio-active materials like cobalt, Caesium-137, IODINE-131, Phosphorus-32, Technicium-99 etc. and the Centre is meeting the entire requirement of the country.

(c) At present cobalt tele.therapy units are not being produced in this country. However, a letter of Indent has been issued to M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd. in October, 1987 for the manufacture of cobalt tele-therapy simulators and accessories.

Supply of radio-therapy equipment to India

1368. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND , FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to etate:

(a) whether it is a fact that a num. ber of countries are supplying radiotherapy equipment to India;

(b) if so, what-are tha names of those countries and the extent to which equipment from those countries is being used in this country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that quite a number of radio-therapy units, wiiich were fabricated in India seve ral years ago, are lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad work manship; if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remedy the. situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMIL"^{r} WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The import of Cobalt Therapy Unit j' eovered under Open General Licence and hospitals and institutions do not have to approach the Government for permission to import them Therefore, the, details of countries from which they are imported etc., are not available.

(c) The Government is not aware of any radio-therapy units fabricated in India lying unutilized or underutilized because of bad workmanship.

Applications for installation of Radio Therapy Units

1869. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standing Committee on Radio therapy had met recently to consider the applications from various medical institutions to instal radio therapy units;

(b) what are the details of each ap. plication approved by th$_e$ Committee and of those which are still pending;

(c) whether Government propose to consider fixing a time limit for taking decision on the applications for radio-therapy in view of the need of this equipment to treat cancer patients; and

(d) whether Government also pro, pose to increase the amount of grant/ subsidy to various recognised medical institutions setting up radio-therapy units in view of the rising costs of both the equipment and the infrastruc, tural facilities and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b/ Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee on Tele-Therapy Units met on the 26th July, 1988 and considered all the 23 applications received. The Committee approved the applications received